

Amendment and Response under 37 C.F.R. 1.116

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REMARKS

The following Remarks are made in response to the Final Office Action mailed April 8, 2005, in which claims 12 and 26 were allowed, and claims 14-16, 31, and 32 were rejected. With this Amendment, claims 14, 16, and 32 have been amended to clarify Applicant's invention. Claims 12, 14-16, 26, 31, and 32, therefore, remain pending in the application and are presented for reconsideration and allowance.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 15, 16, and 32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, for the reason that the Specification does not enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to use the invention commensurate in scope with these claims.

With this Amendment, Applicant has amended claim 32 (from which claims 15 and 16 depend) to clarify that the adhesive tape includes a segmented adhesive film including a plurality of segments. Applicant, therefore, respectfully requests that the rejection of claims 15, 16, and 32 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, be reconsidered and withdrawn and that claims 15, 16, and 32 be allowed.

Claim 16 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

With this Amendment, Applicant has amended claim 16 to clarify that the segments and the backing sheet are carried on the carrier sheet via the second adhesive layer. Applicant, therefore, respectfully requests that the rejection of claim 16 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, be reconsidered and withdrawn and that claim 16 be allowed.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102 and 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 14 and 31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being obvious over Conwell et al. U.S. Patent No. 6,462,765. Claims 14 and 31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being obvious over Conwell et al. in view of Brzuskiwicz U.S. Patent No. 6,190,065. Claims 14-16, 31 and 32

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are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being obvious over Ishiyama U.S. Patent No. 4,240,862.

With this Amendment, independent claim 14 has been amended to clarify that the adhesive tape comprises a first adhesive layer, a backing sheet removably adhered to the first adhesive layer, a second adhesive layer, and a carrier sheet adhered to the second adhesive layer.

With respect to the Conwell et al., Brzuskiwicz, and Ishiyama patents, none of these patents, individually or in combination, teach or suggest a method of producing a label with an adhesive tape as claimed in amended independent claim 14.

In view of the above, Applicant submits that independent claim 14 is patentably distinct from the Conwell et al., Brzuskiwicz, and Ishiyama patents and, therefore, is in a condition for allowance. Furthermore, as dependent claims 15, 16, 31, and 32 further define patentably distinct claim 14, Applicant submits that dependent claims 15, 16, 31, and 32 are also in a condition for allowance. Applicant, therefore, respectfully requests that the rejection of claims 14 and 31 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e), the rejection of claims 14 and 31 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), and the rejection of claims 14-16, 31 and 32 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) be reconsidered and withdrawn and that claims 14-16, 31, and 32 be allowed.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 12 and 26 are allowed. Applicant appreciates the indicated allowance of these claims.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the above, Applicant respectfully submits that pending claims 12, 14-16, 26, 31, and 32 are all in a condition for allowance and requests reconsideration of the application and allowance of all pending claims.

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